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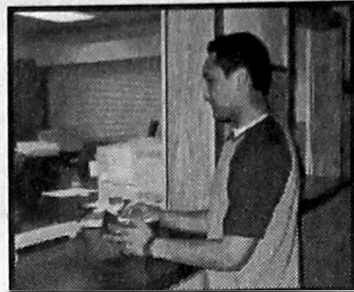
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Cooks aren't cooking anymore

Student Union gets new air conditioning

By ALEX JAQUEZ
STAFF REPORTER

A new air conditioning system in the cafeteria has left the staff and student workers feeling very cool.

During Spring Break, Rick Skinner and the physical plant crew drilled holes on ceilings, put in air

ducts, patched holes and added a new look to the cafeteria by installing a state-of-the-art cooling system in the cafeteria.

Tom Fagan, vice president of administration and finance made funding available for the project, Skinner said. The job did not

just include new A/C units.

"One of the first things that we had put in was a new electrical service. This will allow enough power to run both of the new 15-ton air conditioning units," he said.

"This is also going to allow for growth in the Student Center," Skinner said.

The job required a lot of planning because of the complexities of a kitchen. The system must cool a small area that has a lot of heat and needs exhaust fans that can get the air out of the building, Skinner said.

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Student government officer elections continue today

Elections for Student Government Association president and vice president conclude today.

There are two teams running for the SGA president and vice president positions, while Brandi

Martin is unopposed for the position of SGA treasurer.

Brandon Bensch as president and Forrest Humphrey as vice president are running as one team, while Drew Price as president and Bill Turner,

Jr., as vice president comprise the other team.

Students can vote today from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Stafford Center lobby. Bensch is a sophomore majoring in business information systems, while

Humphrey is a junior majoring in accounting/computer science.

Price is a junior majoring in English education, while Turner is a senior majoring in political science/history.

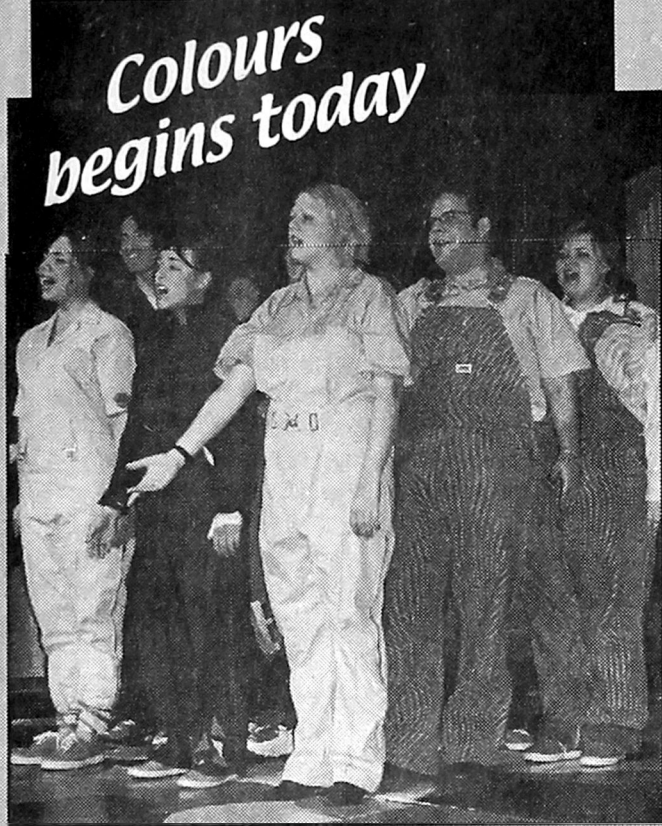


Photo by Nina Kelso

The cast of the musical "Colours" rehearses for opening night which will be tonight at 7:30pm.

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GOTTA HAVE GOALS

Southwestern reaches for five targets

By CHASITY DIXON
STAFF REPORTER

After three years of strategic planning, Southwestern is advancing toward its goals. In 2000, Southwestern set five goals to be reached from years 2001-2005. According to Brian Adler, director of public information, the outlook on reaching these goals is encouraging.

The goals that were established are as follow:

Goal 1: By 2003, Southwestern will be serving 5,500 students and will have advanced its position as one of the premier universities in Oklahoma with an emphasis on quality education.

Goal 2: By 2001, the University will have an effective marketing plan that promotes greater exposure of its departments and programs.

Goal 3: By 2001, the University will have enhanced the effective and efficient management of its resources.

Goal 4: By 2003, the University will have established cooperative arrangements to enhance its mission of teaching, scholarly activity, public service, and economic development.

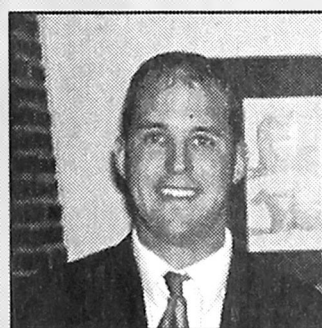
Goal 5: By 2005, the assets of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation will have increased to \$10,000,000.

In fall 1999, enrollment was 4,903. It has steadily increased each year. As of fall 2002, enrollment was 5,135. "We have been gradually going up over the past five

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VOTE

SGA ELECTIONS



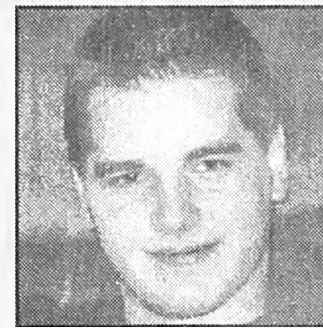
**President
Drew Price**



**Vice President
Bill Turner Jr.**

Why should a student vote for you?

As members of SGA, we have realized that we are sole representatives to the student body and serve to meet their needs. We both have experience within SGA and believe that it is the best tool on campus to help change the current system to help meet the needs and concerns of not only today's students, but also the students of the future. This year we both had the opportunity to serve as President of two other campus organizations.



**President
Brandon Bensch**



**Vice President
Forrest Humphrey**

Why should a student vote for you?

We feel that students should vote for us because of our hard work and dedication to not only SGA, but the school. This dedication shows that we are interested in a change for the better here at SWOSU. As President and Vice President we will strive to listen to students opinions and be open to new and interesting ideas. We will serve the student body to the best of our abilities.

Vote today in the Stafford building!

New drug store making its way into local business scene

By RUTH RICHARDSON
STAFF REPORTER

Walgreens will soon open a store in Weatherford.

The corporation of Walgreens has recently submitted plans to the Weatherford Economic Development Office to build a new store on the corner of Washington and Main streets. Although the permits have not yet been issued, plans for the new store are solid.

"(Walgreens) shows to people outside of Weatherford that we are growing," said Economic Development Director, Randle Lee. "It continues that positive perception that is so important in a community."

In addition to the tax generated, Walgreens also offers to the Weatherford community job opportunities that are so scarce in college towns, Lee said. Positions in

pharmacy, retail management, technology, and corporation are available. Full and part-time store positions will also be offered.

Walgreens will offer pre-pharmacy, progressive and location-based scholarship programs in pharmacy to Walgreens employees.

The pre-pharmacy program reimburses up to \$3,000 to pharmacy students for required pre-pharmacy courses once they are

enrolled in pharmacy school.

The progressive pharmacy program is for pharmacy students in their final four years of pharmacy schools and offers \$1,500 for the first year and \$500 for each year after that.

The location based pharmacy program offers pharmacy students \$5,000 per year for the final 2 years of school if the student will agree to work at a Walgreens location in places such as Chicago, El

Paso, South West Florida, Fresno, and San Antonio.

Walgreens also offers internships in pharmacy, retail management, corporate, and technology. Pharmacy internships last 12 weeks during the summer and is based on the students current curriculum. Retail management internships last only ten weeks, and corporation and technology internships are offered at the Walgreens headquarters in Deerfield, IL.

"The Community Development Department is trying its hardest to make sure that it (Walgreens) is going to fit into the community," Lee said.

The date of opening is not set.

"The people doing the development for Walgreens have a timeline, but there are some adjustments still to be made, so we're not really sure about when the store will be opening," Lee said.

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Duncan Taylor, director of student auxiliary services, said the air conditioning was put in for employee safety. "There have been times especially in the summer, when the temperatures would reach over 100 degrees," Taylor said.

He is pleased to see the improvements and the speed of the project.

"This was a project that was scheduled to be completed by the summer, and it was nice to see everything completed when we returned from the break. All of their help and hard work has allowed for construction to be completed quicker than expected, and this has also allowed us to cut down on the expenses", Taylor said.

Members of the cafeteria crew are also appreciative. "We are all very thankful for the work that has been done here," said one cafeteria worker. "It has really changed everyone around here. We are all working in better conditions, and this has kept everyone from feeling so worn out after a day's work and we are all looking forward to the summer weather that is almost here."

International students may receive in-state tuition from new bill

By Jon Owens
News Editor

With the increase of Hispanic and other foreign student populations throughout Oklahoma, the state legislature of the Oklahoma House of Representatives has passed measures for foreign students to receive in-state tuition rates. The bill is on its way to the Senate for approval.

Under the bill, students would qualify if they have been residents of Oklahoma for three years, graduates of Oklahoma high schools and sign affidavits that they are in the process of becoming American citizens.

The bill was introduced when a graduate of Guymon high school was offered a full scholarship to Panhandle State but could not qualify for in-state tuition.

The debates over terrorists and security has been an issue since post 9-11. Additional arguments are that over \$61 billion are spent on a national level on illegal aliens and the Oklahoma taxpayers would be subsidizing foreigners at \$10,000 a year.

Southwestern administrative officials look at the bill as a positive step for Oklahoma Higher Education.

"In a case like the boy in Guymon, the student was outstanding, but could not afford to attend school in Oklahoma. I agree we should have group citizen candidates with in-state tuition," said Tom Fagan vice-president of administration.

When an out-of-state tuition waiver is given, it is money the university does not charge. A nonresident pays a surcharge unless given a waiver. Other legislation dealing with tuition may get rid of out of state surcharges and condense it into a one rate plan.

Admissions Director and Registrar Bob Klaassen agrees with the effort of the bill.

"We don't see many students that fit into this category at Southwestern, being in rural Western Oklahoma. I realize in an area where Hispanics live this could have a tremendous impact," Klaassen said.

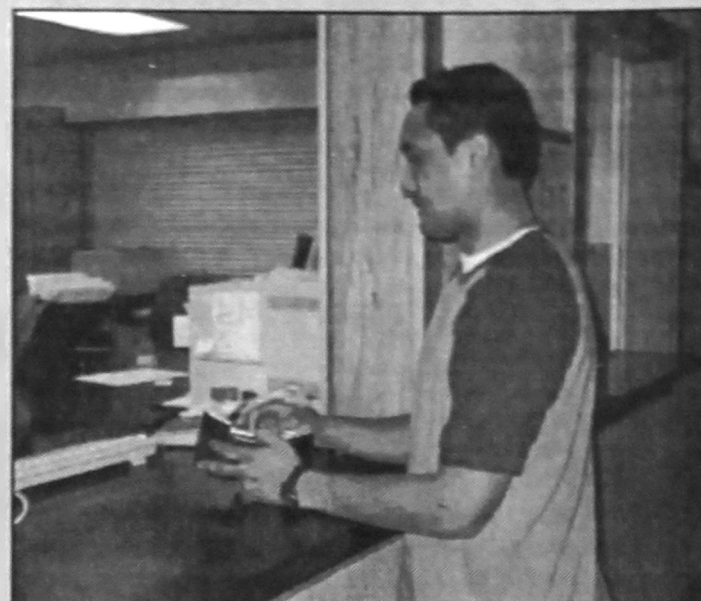


Photo by Alanna Bradley

Senior Richard Koyongian, a student from Indonesia, feels that such a bill would encourage more students to get a college education and push students to improve class performance.

Southwestern has a policy with people who graduate from high school with a 3.5 grade point average or higher qualify for an out of state tuition waiver. If a student makes a 3.0 GPA their first year they can renew the scholarship the second year.

"Many of our foreign students do apply for the waiver. Sometimes the trouble is in converting their grading system from their high school," said Klaassen.

Southwestern has approx. 117 students with visas.

"We have more foreign students than ones on student visas. There are some people who are "boat people," during the 70's. We have political asylists, which is crossed between an international student and a permanent resident. To enroll a foreign student is like enrolling someone from Texas."

Fagan adds positive remarks on the bill.

"This bill would help many areas with large minority population attend school. It would help with education and economic development in those areas," Fagan said.

SGA CORNER

Weekly feature of Student Government happenings

SWOSU palooza

The SWOSU palooza committee meetings are Mondays at 9 p.m. at the SGA house. These meetings are open to all students.

Elections

Elections for president, vice-president, and treasurer will be taking place today in the Stafford building from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The new officers will be announced at the End of the Year banquet on April 9th.

End of the Year Banquet

The End of the Year Banquet will take place on April 9th at 7p.m. at the Conference Center. The price is \$7.95 a person. Please RSVP to Drew Price.

The Big Event

It was BIG!!! Way to go Stephanie!!!

Relay for Life

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., the Relay for Life committee will be meeting at 523 N. 7th. We will be meeting with our survivor and discussing fundraiser ideas.

The Blood Drive

The blood drive committee will be meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at the BSU. The blood drive will be April 14th -15th.

By Amber Esada, senate secretary

Weatherford and Campus Crime

Wednesday, March 26

- Parking problem in the 200 blk E. College: Ticket Issued
- Noise Disturbance 1000 blk. N. 6th: told to hold down.
- Send Ambulance 300 blk W. Davis: Lady had accidentally cut her wrist with a glass window

Thursday, March 27

- Family Disturbance 100 blk E. University: Verbal argument only
- Noise Disturbance 100 blk E. University: Told to hold down
- Noise Disturbance 700 blk W. Main: Told to hold down
- Noise Disturbance 100 blk E. University: Broke up party

Friday, March 28

- Contact Subject 200 blk N. Broadway: Arrested Ray D Sutton DOB 07/31/1956 of Weatherford for Public Intoxication
- Assist Other Agency WPD 201 SW Main: Booked in female drunk driver for OHP
- Larceny 200 Blk E Main: Report taken on a gas drive off

Saturday, March 29, 2003

- Contact Subject at main & Bradley: Checked on a vendor to see if they had a permit to sell. They didn't have a permit, and were told to get one.
- Warrant 500 blk W Franklin: Arrested Jeromie L. Theis White Male DOB 09/24/1976 of Weatherford on a Jackson County Warrant
- Fight Means Park: 4 juveniles taken to parents
- Larceny from the 3900 Blk of N. Lyle: Report taken damaged property
- Harassment at 500 blk W. Rainey: Complaint about harassing phone calls, no report made at this time

For further information contact Weatherford Police Department at 772-7791

compiled by
Devin Huber

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years," said Adler.

Adler mentioned that the admission applications are up by 100 thus far for next fall. Also, the university considers itself to be one of the best regional universities in the state.

"SWOSU has 13 nationally accredited academic programs and that is the most out of all the regional universities, in which we are working on our 14th program now," said Adler. He said the university is also above the national average for board exams.

The marketing plan has been turned over to a marketing firm since Goal 2 was set. Southwestern has incorporated Brainworks of Edmond to promote the university, new brochures, and they have revamped their web page. To make marketing work for Southwestern, "everyone has a part in marketing," Adler said.

As for Goal 3, Southwestern is one of the only regional universities

with low administrative costs.

"We have almost the lowest if not the lowest administrative cost of any regional university. We put money back into instructional areas," Adler said.

With more than 100 cooperative agreements, Southwestern has already established its goal of enhancing its mission of teaching, scholarly activity, public service, and economic development. These cooperative agreements are made with pharmacies and hospitals for example, for students to do rotations in the pharmacy and nursing programs.

At this time, the university has \$7 million in the University Foundation.

Each year Southwestern will have a fundraiser and these donations will enable the university to give scholarships. Also past alumni can support the college and put back into the university.

At present, the university is revising and updating the goals for the next five years.

Bulldog Bucks



HARVARD SUMMER PROGRAM

This program seeks to expose talented minority college juniors to general management in the business world. If you are an African American, Hispanic American or Native American you may be interested in the Summer Venture in Management Program (SVMP). During one week in June, at no expense to the student, Harvard Business School will host these talented college students and provide teaching instruction from leading faculty as well as seminars/events that introduce the students to business education. Students will be immersed in a rigorous and stimulating classroom environment that mirrors the learning environment of Harvard's MBA Program. Any interested student should go the SVMP page on their web site: <http://www.hbs.edu/mba/experience/learn/prospectiveminority/svmp/index.html>

GRADUATE STUDENT WEB SITES

Listed are a few web sites for graduate students who are interested in financial aid information:
www.collegequest.com
www.peterson.com/resources/finance.html
www.cashe.com
www.finaid.org/otheraid/grad.phtml
www.fastweb.com

OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT

Oklahoma resident students who wish to be considered for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant need to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible, but definitely before the state's published April 30, 2003 deadline. You may submit your FAFSA on line by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov This state grant will pay up to \$500 per semester.

Applications and additional scholarship information is available in the Office of Student Financial Services, Stafford Building, Room 224.



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IMAGES OF THE WEEK



Iraqi men sift through the rubble next to the telephone exchange office, which was leveled Sunday during coalition airstrikes in Baghdad.



An Iraqi girl leaving Basra with her family. Reports from those fleeing the city are troubling.



Sgt. John Rentas sorts mail at Fort Dix, N.J., on Monday. At the rate of 4,000 packages and letters a day, military officials have enlisted reservists and national guard members to keep pace with the volume.

Photos: courtesy of the New York Times.

Troops In Position To Strike Baghdad From Several Directions

Baghdad Rocked By Most Powerful Bombardment In Days

WASHINGTON — America's battle plan for Baghdad is taking shape, with U.S. forces now in position to strike the Iraqi capital from nearly all sides — or to mount a siege and wait for Saddam Hussein's regime to fall to internal opposition.

As sporadic battles rage between American infantry and defiant Iraqi troops and paramilitary guerrillas, more armor and at least 100,000 reinforcing U.S. and allied troops are on their way to join the coalition force over the next few weeks.

In the interim, the American game plan is simple: bombs, bombs and more bombs.

The Army's senior ground commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace of V Corps, told reporters of The New York Times and Washington Post on Thursday that unexpected tactics by Iraqi fighters and stretched supply lines were slowing down the campaign. "The enemy we're fighting is different from the one we'd war-gamed against," the papers quoted Wallace as saying during a visit to the 101st Airborne Division headquarters in central Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, at the daily briefing at U.S. Central Command in Qatar, insisted U.S. war planners had not underestimated Iraqi fighting capabilities, but said unexpected developments were inevitable in any war. He accused the Iraqis of using "terrorist death squads" who changed in and out of civilian clothes.

U.S. and British aircraft are pounding some of the estimated 30,000 Republican Guard forces arrayed around Baghdad and striking inside the capital against Saddam's levers of power and modes of communication.

The military early Friday rolled out new weapons — two 4,700-pound, satellite-guided "bunker busting" bombs were dropped from American B-2 bombers on a major communications tower on the east bank of the Tigris River in downtown Baghdad. The bombs were twice the size of the bunker busting bombs that were being used before.

The bombing attack, aimed at disrupting communication between Saddam and his military leaders, gutted a seven-story telephone exchange, leaving the street strewn with rubble.

Powerful explosions rocked the capital during the night and Friday morning aircraft swooped low over the city. Anti-aircraft fire was intermittent.

Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al Sahaf said the overnight air strikes killed seven people in Baghdad and wounded 92.

While the coalition war plan is flexible and certain to shift with events, U.S. leaders say they are operating on three rock-solid certainties: They won't lose. They won't set a timetable. And they won't let up until Saddam is gone.

"There isn't going to be a cease-fire," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told lawmakers on Thursday.

Rumsfeld also raised the possibility of a siege of Baghdad rather than a quick strike into the heart of the city.

Asked by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., what American ground troops would do once they reached Baghdad, Rumsfeld answered by saying Baghdad had to be isolated before it was taken.

He also alluded to what is happening at Basra, Iraq's second-largest city. British forces there have laid siege, hoping for a successful uprising by the city's Shiite population.

Rumsfeld noted that both Basra and Baghdad have large numbers of Shiites. "And they are not terribly favorable to the regime. They've been repressed," Rumsfeld said.

American Army and Marine infantry forces are arrayed to the south of Baghdad, some within 50 miles of the capital. They are led by the Army's 3rd Infantry and

UN Says...

We Will Not Be US Subcontractors

by Oliver Burkeman in Washington

The United Nations will refuse to play a "subservient" role or act as a "subcontractor" to the United States in the reconstruction of Iraq, its development chief has warned.

Mark Malloch Brown, administrator of the UN development program, told the Guardian that rebuilding contracts already announced by the Bush administration were only "a Band-Aid on services knocked out in the conflict".

Speaking before Tony Blair's trip to Camp David, Mr Malloch Brown said the UN had a clear obligation to carry out humanitarian work in the immediate aftermath of conflict.

But in the long term, "if they want the UN in there - the UN role in civil administration, in the political processes managing the transition", then "we can't go in there playing some subordinate role to a US redevelopment which somehow suggests we are a subcontractor to that US-led effort."

"The Geneva conventions will require that our relations with the occupying power are not subservient ones ... We have pretty well-developed plans, but I am not going to take them out of the drawer until there is a security council resolution. We are not a US or British NGO who can be asked by the government to take on a reconstruction role."

Mr Malloch Brown said the UK had assured him that "it is the devout hope of the British government that the peace will be managed by a much broader coalition" than the war. "But were you today to ask most people in Washington, 'Is that the way you expect things to turn out?' I think the answer would be no. There may be many in Washington who may think this is a war they run, and they should run the peace. And for us, so be it."

USAID, the American government agency coordinating redevelopment, has been under fire for awarding the first reconstruction contracts to US firms, and for budgeting only \$50m (£31m) so far to aid agencies. On Wednesday, USAID announced that \$1.9bn in reconstruction contracts would go to US companies.

But, Mr Malloch Brown said, "that is such a down payment of the total volume of resources the US and others are going to have to put up, that I am not construing too much from it. I don't think it is a sustainable formula for the long-term reconstruction of the country."

He scoffed at the notion that a major overhaul of Iraq's infrastructure could be achieved within a year of the end of the war - apparently USAID's view, according to a document leaked to the Wall Street Journal last week.

"The view that nation building can be measured by the timeline of a road building contract is misplaced," he said.

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"Perspectives"

JON OWENS

Patriotic or Nationalist, there is a difference

Two words come to mind when the everyday citizen begins discussing war. "Patriotism" and "Nationalism." Although these words may seem to be the same thing, I assure you they are quite different.

I am patriotic, but I am not a nationalist. To be patriotic is having pride in ones country. I love America and believe in her foundation. To be a nationalist is to follow the government blindly.

In an interview at a recent Toby Keith concert, Keith said he was not for war, but he is sure there are things that the government knows that we do not. This is nationalism. Keith put his trust in the government without asking some questions that may need to be answered to the public.

I was talking to a highway patrolman who asked "Do you not support your troops?" I said I support my troops so much that I want to bring them home. I have a brother in the third infantry and there is not a day that goes by that he is not in my prayers and I worry for his safety. Well, the policeman was a little crazy because he told me this was a part of God and that these were the end times. I doubt that. Wars have been going on since the beginning of man.

The troops are doing their job, but they are doing it for government interests. I cannot hold the troops responsible, but I can hold the Bush administration accountable.

In a Chicago peace rally, pro-war people started cheering "USA" and then the anti-war protesters shouted with them "USA." This shows that to be anti-war is not to be anti-American. In Oklahoma City there is always an American flag waved at the Spiritual Walks for peace. Peace is the American way.

War without United Nations approval is illegal and should not be taking place. I find it amazing that we are declaring war on a country that they say is breaking UN resolutions, but we are insisting to enforce the resolution where they are not.

Some questions that the media failed to ask include: Has

the National Security Agency been spying on delegates from various countries at the UN? Is the U.S. Bribing and threatening other UN members?

Bush says it is a moral decision, yet the national board of his denomination (the United Methodist Church) claims that Jesus Christ would not support this attack.

Considering that the U.S. Government has based its case for war against Iraq on a nonexistent IAEA report, a plagiarized dossier, what evidence can Bush offer to support his claim that Iraq represents a threat? How many innocent people have we killed or are going to kill?

Does Israel possess nuclear weapons? Is Israel in violation of UN Security Council resolutions? How much money do we give to Israel every year? Also, can Bush prove to us that this conflict has nothing to do with oil?

There are talks about wanting to impeach the president by Democrats according to the *National Review*. I would support this if Bush does not let us in on all the facts. The Pope himself has declared this war to be a threat against humanity.

Although this is after the fact, the best proposal I have found is the reflection on what we should have done.

Anti-war people and Bush both agree that Saddam Hussein is a brutal and dangerous dictator. Through the UN Security Council, we should have tried to indict Saddam by removing him from the Iraqi people and his power. This is proven through the removal of regimes much like those in Rwanda and Yugoslavia.

The next step would have been to enforce coercive disarmament. This would have been intensified inspections and destroy any weapons of mass destruction found. Advanced monitoring and screening international commercial crossings into middle eastern countries would keep the country at bay.

Fostering a democratic Iraq is a positive move, and Bush has discussed it but taking a different route to get that result. After establishing a democratic nation, there should be an organizing of massive humanitarian efforts of the Iraqi people. The Middle Eastern countries should all be a target of this effort.

Initiatives should be raised to educate the middle-eastern people with food and books. Education is the key to ending terrorism. Educate the people on terrorism specifically, and the people will learn to work with the government in apprehending suspects.

Violence only breeds violence.



Donnita

Donnita Stewart

The proverbial question answered, or at least attempted

What exactly is a soul mate or soul connection? A spiritual experience that will take you to heaven while residing on earth. It is a very special kind of relationship that is almost magical. It is communication between two people or a group of people that surpasses any tangible form of communication. "His name is.....," he said.

I began questioning the path I was traveling in my life, and asking do I have a soul mate and if I do where is he. I have received many answers to my requests spiritually and soulfully over a period of time. He said, "don't fret about it, you will be delivered."

Twin flames, soul mates, and karmic relationships, a lifetime journey for those seeking wholeness. Fate and destiny are the soul-searching questions we seek as human beings. Do you know your soul mate? Have you met your soul mate? Is there more than one during a lifetime? My twin flame speaks to me wherever I am. He said, "I will serenade you, oh so subtly."

I believe each person will only have one twin flame. When these two souls connect, it is electrical and powerful. Drawn together by an unknown force. The two understand one another in a way no one else could or probably would. Twin-flame souls feel like mirror images of each other. One often walks in the light and the other a little more on the darker side of things but when together, they balance each other perfectly. The soul of light is strong enough to bring out the best qualities in the soul of dark and the darker soul has enough passion and courage to bring those things out in the light soul. The connection is eternal. "You will work together," he said.

The romantic and intimate side of a twin-flame soul connection is what we desire the most. There is no doubt the two connect powerfully and magically by an unknown force.

I am not sure about the unknown force, I knew mine before we met, that tells me there is a force out there that mates us together. I have known this unknown force for a long time and almost intimately. Understanding and connectedness is instantaneous between these two. It will seem so amazing to know so much about this person you meet for the first time. "You will be best friends and lovers," he says.

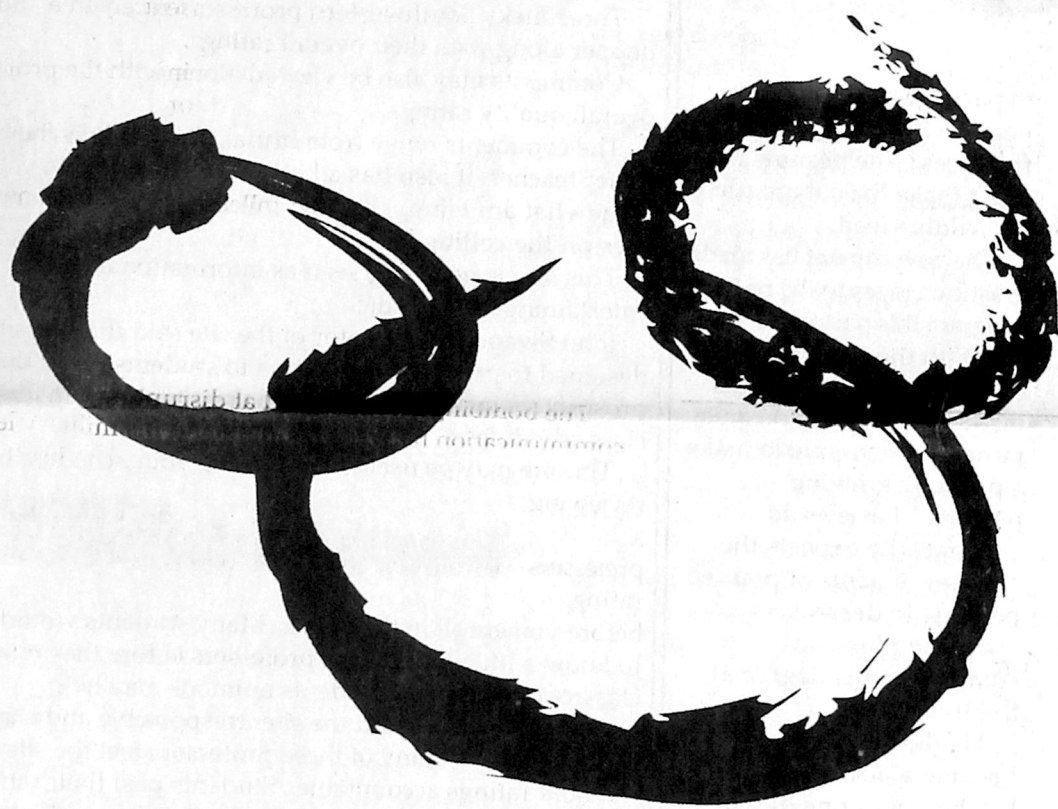
Love is part of life every day we live and an experience the Lord and Lady desire us to share. Understanding our divine connection to each other. To share your life with one of the soul's of your group is a very special gift and has much to offer in learning life's lessons. We all seek to love and be loved.

A soul mate tie is different from a twin flame tie. You can have many soul mates. Soul mates share a complimentary calling in life. They are partners and help mates who are often working to develop the same virtues and to master the same chakras. Such kindred souls can accomplish much, and have very harmonious and satisfying relationships. These are life long friend relationships. A tight circle of connected soul brothers and soul sisters. There is a unique understanding of one another through the good and the bad times. You care deeply for each other but not usually in a romantic way. "You will quit smoking for him" he said.

In a karmic relationship, the two are drawn together for the balancing of mutual karma. This is because the soul has a deep yearning to be free, and has an inner knowing that this connection is a key to resolution through balancing karma that is often harsh, such as violence, hatred, and abandonment. All of these relationships are necessary over the course of a lifetime to self-mastery on the spiritual path.

Is this real or fairy tale? It is real, we were designed this way by the creator, to connect spiritually and soulfully with each other. Don't lower your standard for anything less than your twin-flame or your soul-mate companions.

When you find this person or persons enjoy the wild ride together and accept it for what it is regardless of what happens. The magic together is extraordinarily powerful. It's something that you can feel the sparks of energy between each other.



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April 2- April 8

April 2- Baseball SWOSU vs. UCO 1pm
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April 2-5- "Colours A Musical Allegory" Old
Science Auditorium, 7:30pm

April 3- Softball SWOSU vs. St. Gregory's
2pm (home); Fatih in Africa at Wesley
Foundation 8pm

April 4- SWOSU Pom Clinic 7-9pm Rankin
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April 5 -SWOSU Pom squad tryouts 11am
Ranking Williams Fieldhouse; Baseball
SWOSU vs. Cameron (home); Softball
SWOSU vs. Cameron 1pm (away);
International Student Assoc. Gala Event
FAC 8pm; Rodeo at Panhandle till the 6th

April 7-8 Men's Golf at UCO; Women's Golf

April 2, 2003

Drama team added to student organization

By JENNIFER BALLEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Church of Christ Student Center has many ministries to be involved in. The most recent addition is a drama team that has quickly become a favorite among students and Western Oklahoma churches alike.

The team is made up of students and is coached by CCSC director, Jerry Hartman. Hartman started the group last fall in an attempt to create a more youth-friendly ministry.

"Drama is one of the best ways of communicating a message, especially the Christian message, to a younger audience," said Hartman.

This has proved to be true as the group is traveling week after week to youth rallies and special events in surrounding Oklahoma towns and even including some performances in Texas and Kansas.

Aside from the impact on the audience, Hartman feels the group has made a significant impact on the members as well.

"I can see that it has reinforced Christian principles for them and has encouraged them to live them out more consistently in their daily life," said Hartman.

The students agree, recognizing that they have been impacted in the same ways they are hoping to impact others.

"It has really helped me keep myself in check. I don't want to be teaching anything in the skit that I am not living out myself," said Elizabeth Stafford, sophomore Communication Major, from Mountain View.

All of the skits consist of Biblical truths brought into a



Photo by Donnita Stewart

The Church of Christ student center is located north off Davis, across from Parker Hall.

modern situation to make them easy to understand and to apply to your life. Several of the skits were written by the students, and the rest are favorites that have been passed down in camps and other drama circles.

The group is open to any student who wants to be involved. With a new and exciting ministry, it was not hard to get a large group interested right away.

"I wanted to be involved because it is a cool way to teach the word of God and keep peoples attention," said LJ Williams, sophomore Music Production major from Clinton.

"I like to be active in different ministries and this is one way I can serve and it is exciting," said Stafford.

It seems the new drama group has been a very positive addition to the Church of Christ Student Center. Eric Lyons, junior Art Education major from Wynnewood, sums it up.

"It is a beautiful array of humor and seriousness combined together to convey the message of our one and only God," says Lyons.

If you are interested in seeing the drama team, there are several more scheduled events this year to make it to. April 6- Weatherford Church of Christ, April 12- Olathe, Kansas, April 20- Hollis, Oklahoma.

HIS BACKGROUND IS NUTS! Peanuts that is

Klent Lasley

By TARA TAYLOR
STAFF REPORTER

Peanut butter may be the main source of survival for many students, but for one young man the process begins long before the jar.

Klent Lasley, a junior environmental engineering major from Lookeba-Sickles, not only loves peanut butter but has also spent his whole life around peanut farming.

Both sides of Lasley's family have farmed peanuts for over 60 years. It's a tradition that has been passed down through the generations, including his own.

"Growing up on a farm means you learn to work at an early age," Lasley said. "One thing about farming

peanuts is that from spring to fall there is always a job to do."

Lasley, his sister, and cousins have often hoed the weeds out of the peanut rows and moved irrigation pipe. Applying adequate water to the plants is a job that usually begins in July and lasts until October.

"When my great-grandparents began farming peanuts, they depended upon the rainfall for moisture, but with the introduction of irrigation, the peanut yields increased," Lasley said.

Harvest is his favorite time in the growing season because he is able to see the results.

"It's different from other crops because it takes a lot of time and work, but that's what makes it worth it," Lasley said.

When most farmers complete their jobs by hauling the last load of peanuts to the coop, Lasley's family takes it a couple of steps further. They shell their own peanuts and sell them.

Forty-six years ago they shelled their first peanut. Today they continue to shell them and sell the seeds to Oklahoma State University for research.

After a machine takes the peanuts out of the shell, the undesirable peanuts and dirt are picked out by hand.

This past year they began

to package and sell raw peanuts for baking purposes. The peanuts that don't make the cut are used for wildlife feed.

The government has made drastic changes to the peanut program this past year.

"With the program changing like it did, it has made it really hard on area farmers to continue to make a profit by growing peanuts," Lasley said.

In fact, he expects the number of acres of planted peanuts to decrease.

Lasley plans on completing his degree at Southwestern.

He doesn't know if he'll become a peanut producer, but he hopes one day to have a farm of his own where he can raise cattle.



SWOSU Students Enjoy On-line "Rat Race"

New and used Rats for pennies on the dollar

Weatherford, OK -- This photo, taken of SWOSU student Fred Feldwisch, confirms that SWOSU students are participating in an on-line "Rat Race."

According to sources, thousands of students like Fred are racing to reserve their textbooks, or "Rats" in their vernacular, at RatcliffesTextbooks.com.

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Tell it like it is

How does your professor rank?

By KENDRA KIDD
FEATURES EDITOR

Professors beware, students are doing some grading of their own.

RateMyProfessor.com is the internet's largest and fastest growing listing of college professor ratings.

This site has been up since 1999 and now contains over 600,000 ratings for professors from 1700 colleges.

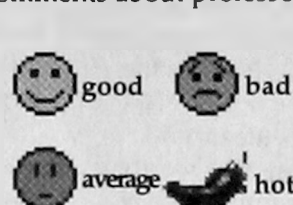
Southwestern is among the 44 Oklahoma colleges listed.

Fourteen Southwestern professors have been rated on the site.

Eight of those professors walk away with a good rating, three were average, and only the remaining three were found to be poor professors.

Professors are rated on a scale from one (worst) to five (best) in categories of easiness, helpfulness, clarity, and hotness.

These scores are then averaged and the professor is given an overall quality rating. Students may also post comments about professors and the courses they teach.



After overall quality is computed the professors rating is posted along with comments and emotions for viewing.

Emoticons are used to show a quick rating, each professor is given one of four symbols based on their rating.

A smiley represents a good rating, a straight face is used for average ratings and a sad face represents a poor rating. The fourth and final symbol is a red hot chili pepper, this appears only if a professor has been rated "hot".

Three lucky Southwestern professors received a "hot" pepper along with their overall rating.

Comments may also be viewed along with the professors overall quality rating.

The comments range from brutal, "Not only is the book a better teacher, it also has a better personality," to somewhat amusing, "Boring, but I learned there are 137 tiles on the ceiling."

This site is generally seen as informational and entertaining by students.

John Swapceinski creator of the site said that the site is designed to provide information to students about their prospective instructors, and to help students plan their class schedules.

The site may be useful in planning your schedule by reviewing a

professors rating

before you enroll in their class. Many students would like to know a little about their professors before they enter the classroom, and other students opinions may help.

Some professors find the site irresponsible and challenge it's legitimacy. Many of these professors feel the site does not hold ratings accountable. Students post their ratings anonymously, they are not required to post an e-mail address or an identity. If professors feel they have been unfairly rated they may flag their rating.

Flagging a rating automatically sends the rating to a screener so it may be reviewed. Approximately one percent of ratings are removed after being flagged. However sixty percent of the ratings are favorable to the professors.

However, most professors don't take their ratings seriously and are not concerned about what students think.

Whether the site is informational or annoying it is very popular and Southwestern certainly is part of it.

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Cher

Farewell to a Legend

After 117 additional concerts Cher made her way back to the Oklahoma City Ford Center for a second farewell. Although the concert started 35 minutes late due to an accident where a girl was carried out on a stretcher, the crowd remained calm.

The opening act was comedian Tommy Drake who brought in comic relief before the evening of upbeat dance music began.

He joked about how cops in Oklahoma do not look for drunk drivers, instead they wait at the local Whataburger for them to drive through.

He also joked about how some states turn off people's power and in Oklahoma we do not worry about that since we all own generators.

He continued by joking about being gay and same sex marriages , "My parents thought I was gay growing up and I had to break the news and sit them down and tell them I was straight. My dad took it well, but my other dad was pissed."

Rather than a typical singing act opening the concert this was a great addition to the show, and a great way to start the evening.

During the intermission the screens had shots of people in the audience dancing to '80's music. It was interesting to see girls flashing people in the audience.

The house lights then went out and the black lights came on. While the lights changed, screens showed clips of Cher and then she arrived. Coming out of the sky like a goddess Cher appeared singing "This is the Song For the Lonely."

After the song she asked how many people went to her last concert and said, "I don't know why you are here. It is the same show."

She added comments about her legacy.

"I have shoes older than Brittany and Christina. I have went all out for this show and I am giving those (beep) something to live up to."

That is exactly what she did.

The dancers dressed like Balinese dancers and she went onto sing "Don't want forever." Aerialists added to the excitement on stage, performing their graceful dance moves in the air.

Throughout the night she changed costumes to suit the music. In one instance she came out dressed like a ring master and addressed the crowd as ladies, gentlemen and flamboyant men.

Later in the evening dancers came out dressed like Maori as she appeared dressed like a tribal leader.

Some of the songs performed throughout the night were "All I really want to do," "1/2 breed," Gypsies tramps and Thieves" and "Dark Lady.

Her more modern works included "Cause I am Strong Enough," and "Turn Back Time."

As her encore she concluded the evening with "Believe". All through the concert movie clips from her many years of show business were shown on screen.

You can see from the way she picked her scenes that she is going to miss show business, but is tired and ready to have a life.

The particular clip that caught my attention and was quite funny was her playing all the roles in "West Side Story."

This diva has had 40 good years of great music.

Hats off to her retirement. She has earned her farewell.
-Jon Owens



JOHN PETERSON

Toby Keith comes home

Moore native makes homecoming appearance

By JON OWENS
NEWS EDITOR

As one of his final stops on his tour Toby Keith returns home to a sell out audience at the Ford Center.

Home to Keith is the suburb City of Moore.

"It is a great honor to be home and see friends. It is always nice to see old buddies. When coming home it is hard not to be the average Oklahoman," Keith said.

According ti Keith the show had a few surprises and was a huge production.

Keith refers to his favorite song as one that makes fun of the music critics.

"Music critics get to take shots at us. This is my chance to take a crack at them. Sometimes those little songs they do not like sell over a million copies," said Keith.

If Keith wanted his fans to get one thing from the concert it would be: "I expect they are dreamin'. My daughter wants to be a singer, so she is singing the national anthem tonight. I am not just a biased daddy, she sings like a bird."

Keith goes on to say at first his parents were not to crazy

about him trying a singing career and look at him now.

Raising a family and being on the road could be demanding, but Keith thinks not.

"I have been home more in the past two years than ever. I have my own plane that I fly out of Norman on and you can get almost anywhere in the country in about two and a half hours, so I am able to come home a lot."

The celebrity, whose father was a veteran, has his own political opinions in regards to uprising issues with the war on Iraq.

"I know a lot of people do not think highly of the opinion of a celebrity. I also know there is a lot that our government knows that we do not know. I am not for war, but you have to do what you have to do," he added.

Keith continued by saying "I was for a war in Afghanistan. My whole life there has been a flag flying in my front yard. I am not going to be anti-war because some nineteen-year-old holding up a peace sign tells me we should not go to war. I have been all over the world and we've got it the best."



Toby Keith

Red White and Blue

The stage was dressed like a street alley with spray painted bricks displaying the names of opening singer Amy Dalley, and opening group "Rascal Flatts," which includes Joe Don Rooney of Picher.

The curtain came up for over 90 minutes of action, which included 22 songs.

Krystal Cover, Toby Keith's daughter started off with the "Star Spangled Banner". She hit every note perfectly and had that wonderful country twang. She received a standing ovation before her father did.

To open the evening a screen showed a comedic moment of what goes on in the mind of a pitbull as he walks through the city. Everything from thinking lustfully about women to peeing on a man's leg that would not pay attention to him. He even got to pee on Osama Bin Laden's, which was displayed in a newspaper. This was an interesting and funny start for a concert.

The stage was then set to appear as though it was on the outside of a sewer.

The male band members were dressed in business suits and the women in jeans and boots. Toby Keith stepped out in his plaid shirt with his blond hair and beat up straw hat.

To open they sung hits like: "When country Comes to Town," "Just Talking About Tonight," "Should've Been a Cowboy," "Dream Walking" and "I want to Talk About Me."

The sold out crowd was crazy for him and practically stood through the entire concert waving their hands in the air and singing along.

Keith said he was glad to be back in Oklahoma "where the west starts getting wild."

Some of the songs performed found the crowd singing along for instance, "Who's Your Daddy?," "Rock You Baby," and "Beer For My Horses".

Later in the concert a patriotic theme arose. The crowd became hysterical as Keith sang his final song where his guitar was painted like and American flag. The song "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)," was the biggest song of the night.

He wrote this song after 9-11. He sang it for the troops



Toby Keith

before they were shipped off to show them support and their endorsement was the only one he needed.

During this patriotic song an explosion of fire works with tons of red, white, and blue confetti flew over the audience.

There were also a few comedian songs, which Keith refers to as, "Bus Songs" these are songs done on a bus, but not produced for the public, because they are not good enough to record.

These songs include: "The Taliban Song," and "I'll Never Smoke Weed With Willie Again," which pokes fun of Nelson's voice and smoking marijuana.

The other surprise was on screen, where there was a brief moment where they cut into the University of Oklahoma versus University of Colorado basketball game and the band played "Boomer Sooner".

Keith brought Amy Dalley and Rascal Flatts back on stage to join him in a little gospel music.

The concert concluded with "How Do You Like Me Now."
-Jon Owens

Bulldog Bark

Compiled by Amber Esada

If money were no object, what one thing would you add or change about Southwestern?



"I'd give money to the theatre department because they get overlooked alot and they are really good."

April Larsen
Communication Arts
Oklahoma City



"Set up a job placement program so no one has to be unemployed after graduation."

Adam Wheeler
Business
Chickasha



"Move OU's football program over here."

Robert Taylor
Pharmacy
Breckinridge



"Parker Hall would be renovated and reopened as a co-ed dorm."

Christina Carson
History Education
Enid

Years ago at SWOSU...

by Jon Owens

Are these the best, strangest or calmest of times at Southwestern. Judge for yourself. Here's a look back at some headlines from *The Southwestern* this week in years past during this week.

1923:

Southwestern had 914 contestants in it annual S.W.I.M. meet.

1944:

Stewart Hall women challenge visitation hours and 9 o'clock curfew .

1976:

Women challenge room cleaning inspections in dorms.

1998:

Student writes in concern of not filling professor vacancies. Says it allows less upper division electives for the major.

April 2, 2003

Southwestern Rodeo squads rank in top 20 nationwide

By WENDY GRUNAU
STAFF REPORTER

Southwestern's men and women's rodeo teams are among the nations elite. After competing in six of ten rodeos, the Southwestern men are 12th in the nation and the women are nationally ranked in 15th place, according to the February issue of *Collegiate Arena*.

Chad Ramirez, Southwestern rodeo coach, said "The Southwestern rodeo teams are doing well in the region also."

The men's rodeo team is currently in first place in the Central Plains Region with a 250-point lead over Panhandle State University. The Southwestern women are in a close second behind Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Not only are the teams excelling, but several talented individuals are atop the regional rankings.

Cord McCoy, a senior from Tupelo, is winning the regional all-around, is first in saddle bronc riding, and is placing in the bare back, bull riding, and team roping heeler events.

Taylor White, Bandy Murphy, Justin Hermanson, Cody Sundby and Cody Todd are placing in the region as well.

Jennifer Heisman, a senior from Paola, Kan., is currently leading the goat typing competition in the Central Plains Region. Ashleen Houston, Amy Clark, Tanya Gasche, Gentry Ortiz, and Jessi Houston are all among the top 10 in the region in either the goat tying or the breakaway roping events.

Recognized as a group with great skill and potential, the Southwestern rodeo team will have an opportunity to showcase their talent in May. At the regional playoffs, which will be held in Lawton, OK, the team will have the chance to progress to national competition. Before playoffs begin, team and individual points are

erased and top performance is required to advance.

"Everything has to work; it's do or die time," Ramirez said of playoffs.

Should the teams qualify at playoffs, they will then travel to Casper, Wyoming, in June for the College National Rodeo. With the exceptional talent that the Southwestern Rodeo team possesses, Ramirez feels that the team has an outstanding chance of making it to the College National Rodeo.

The recent success of the Southwestern rodeo team should be of no surprise. Ramirez said that Southwestern has "produced numerous successful pro rodeo cowboys and pro world champs including Jett McCoy, Cord McCoy, Michael Cooley, Eric Mouton, and Mark Gomes." Ramirez does his best to seek out talented individuals for the Southwestern rodeo team. He looks at junior college transfers and pays close attention to outstanding high school talent. Ramirez travels to rodeos and watches videotape of possible team members. He generally chooses two or three freshmen for his team and is always "welcoming a lot of Oklahoma talent."

The 2002-2003 Southwestern Rodeo Team is comprised of 42 students from 14 states. These states include Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Montana, California, Arizona and many others. Ramirez stated, "These students practice 3 to 4 times a week and travel over 5,000 miles throughout the course of the season. They also provide their own transportation to each rodeo."

Along with the ten rodeos that the Southwestern rodeo team members attend, many of them choose to compete in other rodeos across the nation.

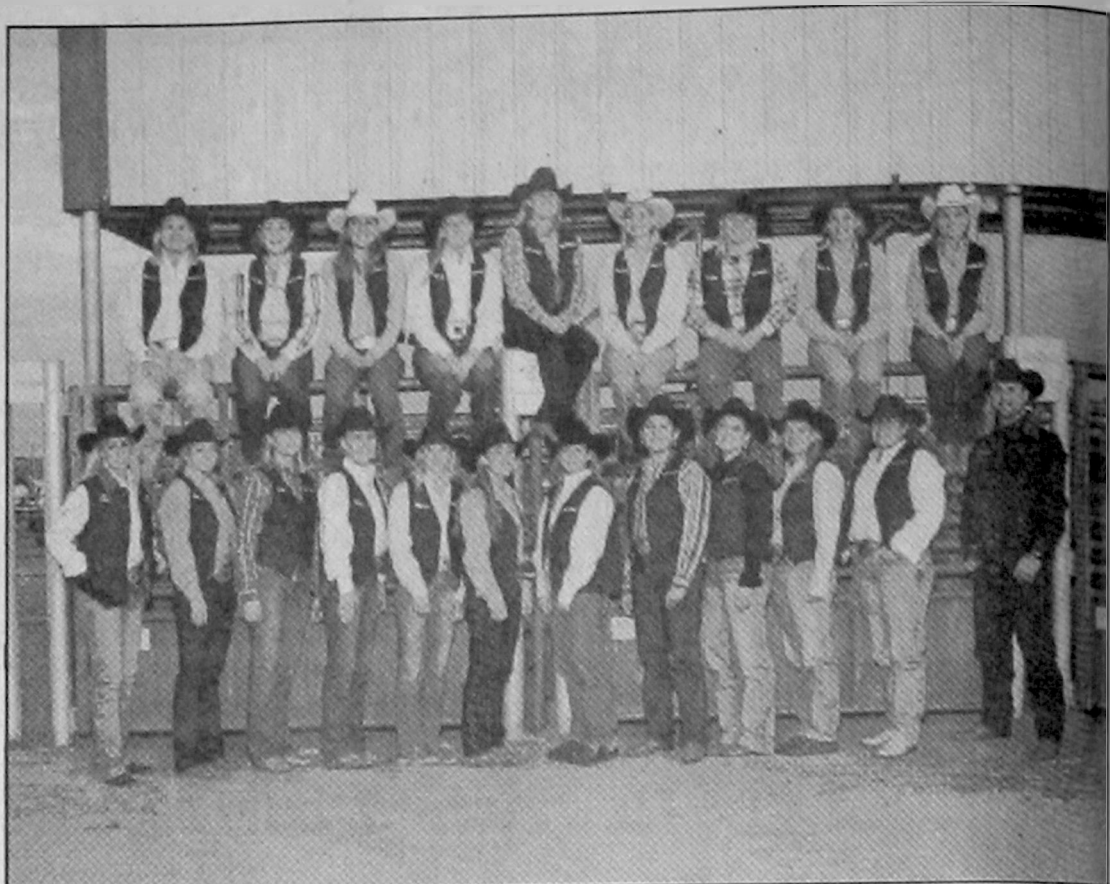
The next rodeo on Southwestern's agenda will be held in Weatherford on

April 10, 11, and 12 at the rodeo arena located north of Rader Park.

The rodeo, which is free to the public, will begin at 7:30 each evening and will also begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. Among the regional school's attending the rodeo will be Panhandle State University and Northwestern Oklahoma State University. These schools are Southwestern's fiercest competition in the regional standings.

Ramirez stated that he is seeking help for the rodeo and anyone that has cattle experience and is interested in helping should see him.

Along with competing in rodeos, the team members also keep themselves busy with fundraising.



Southwestern's womens rodeo team.

Bulldogs claim Spring Break victories

By ALFONSO BORJAS
STAFF REPORTER

While a lot of the students were on Spring Break vacations, the baseball team was playing with some interesting weather throughout the week.

The Bulldogs started the week off by playing the University of Science and Arts of Chickasha and York Nebraska on the 15th.

They won both games that day 11-8 in the first game and 11-1 in the second game. "We were really tough outs at the plate, it was hard keeping us off the base pad," said head coach Teasley.

Gabe Boyd, Josh Kilhoffer, and Josh Raney all had two hits while Raney hit one over the fence for his 5th home run of the season.

Jay McClure started the first game and only went 3 innings in the contest while Josh Williams and Chad Despain both went 2 innings apiece to finish out the game.

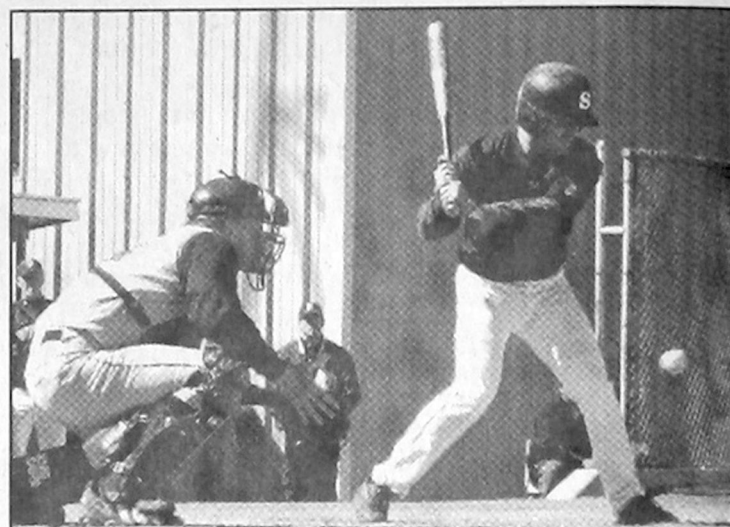
Monty Mayfield started the second game while going 5 innings and allowing only 4 hits against York.

On April 16, the Bulldogs had a double header with Kearney, Nebraska. They lost the first game 10-5 and won the second game 10-3.

"We had a good weekend going 3-1 and hitting the ball really good." "I really feel that as good as we are hitting it may give the pitching staff some confidence," said Teasley.

Johnny Dillard started that game and went 4 innings allowing 3 hits on 5 runs.

Kilhoffer had a home run in the game while Jason Looper and Josh Standifer had two hits apiece. Everyone



Bulldog Josh Standiver swings during last Saturdays game.

had a least one hit against Kearney in the first game.

"One loss we recently had was the loss of starting second baseman Gabe Boyd," said Teasley. "Boyd slide back into first base from a pick-off and dislocated his shoulder. He is expected to miss about 4-5 weeks."

"Gabe was our two hole hitter and has been hitting the ball really well going 10 for last 15, so when someone is hitting like that a team is really going to miss him," said Teasley.

Kyle Hubble started the second game and pitched a complete game and allowed 7 hits and 2 runs and striking out 12. Delon Ball and Jason Looper had three hits in that game while two of Loopers hits were home runs.

The Bulldogs were expecting to continue their break by hosting Oklahoma City University on the 19th but only got

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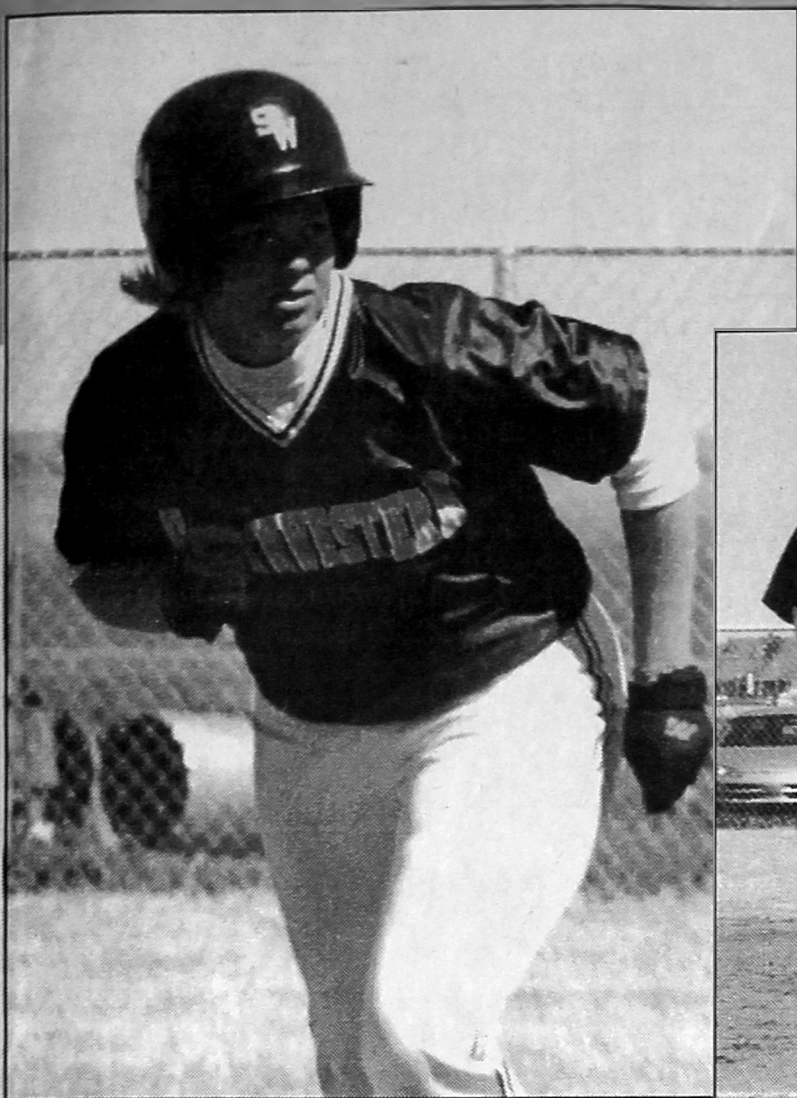
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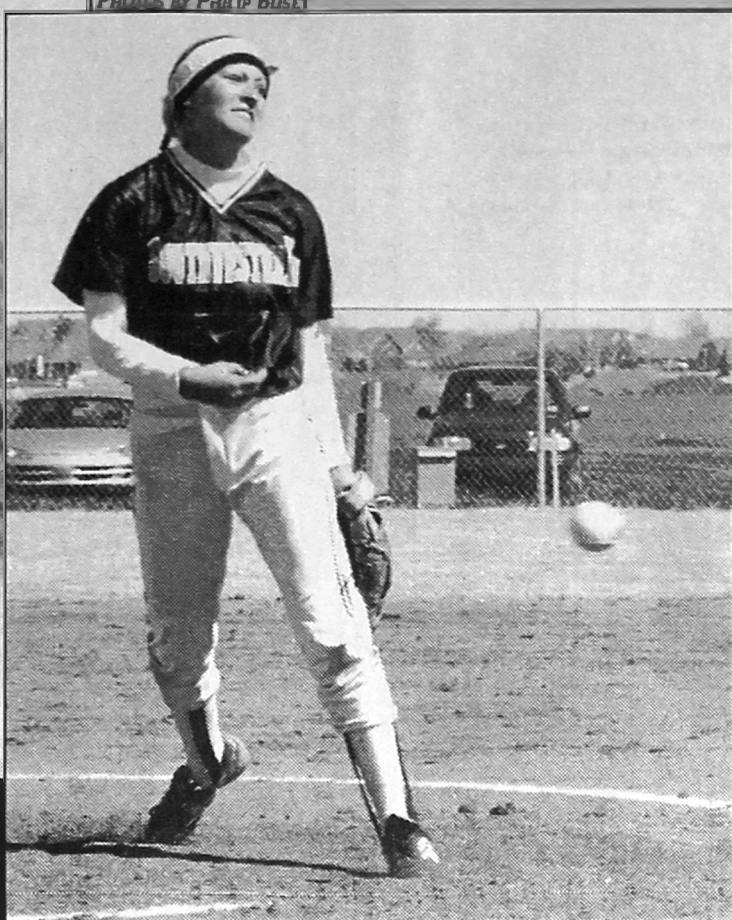
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Ida Hoffman runs to third during last Saturdays game.



Courtney Hale delivers a strike against UCO.

Men's soccer raises funds to continue next season

By ALANNA BRADLEY/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After a semester of organizing and holding fundraisers around western Oklahoma, the Southwestern men's soccer team prevailed and raised enough funds to continue into the fall season. The squad was notified of its discontinuation due to budget shortfalls early February. They were since told by the athletic department that if they could raise enough funds to cover the operational portion of the team's budget by spring break, they could continue for another season. A few of the fundraisers included cook-outs and partner deals with local restaurants to name a few.

"A lot of the guys wanted to finish their careers together while others wanted at least one more season with their friends and teammates," said coach Joe Bradley. "It was a great test to their character. It shows that if you want something bad enough it can happen."

"All the help recieved by the public is more than appreciated," added Bradley. "Thanks to everyone who helped the guys out."

Bradley will continue as both the men's and women's soccer coach in the fall. Then will remain on as the women's coach.

Bulldogs Finish 7th, Twyman 3rd at ATU

SOUTHWESTERN SPORTS INFORMATION

Danville, AR - The men's golf team participated in the Arkansas Tech Collegiate Classic over the past two days.

Southwestern shot team rounds of 307-290 (597) to finish in seventh place. Justin Twyman fired rounds of 73-69 to finish in a tie for 3rd. Jimmy Thind shot 77-75 to finish tied for 34th. Tyson Mooring shot 82-71 for a 40th place finish. Brian Hostetler shot 79-75 to finish in 45th place and Heath Myers shot 78-77 to finish tied for 46th.

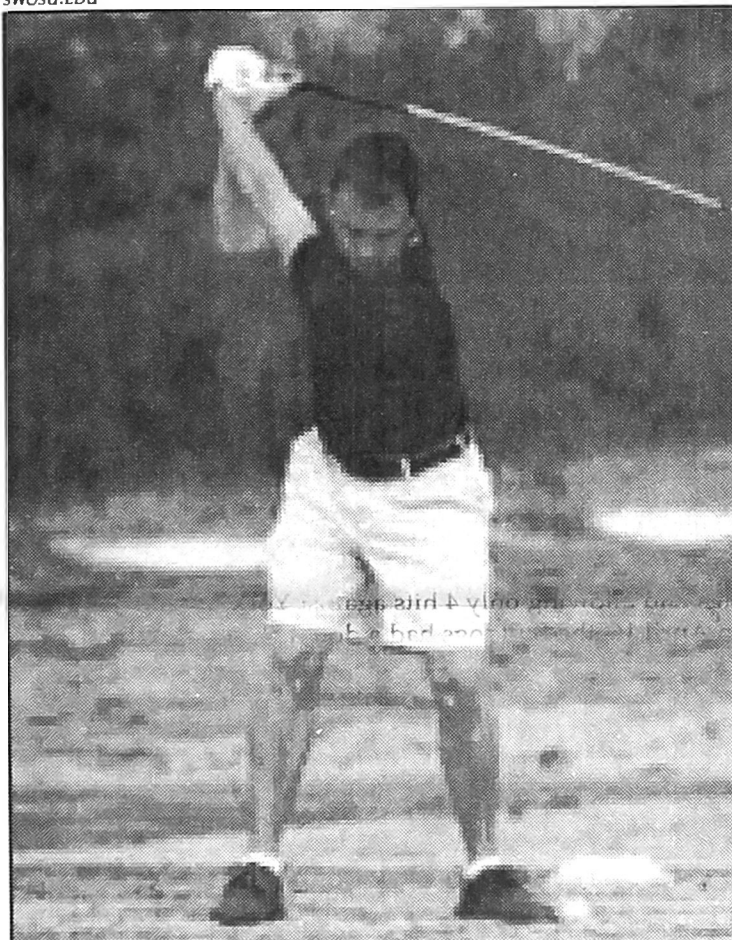
Women place 11th in tourney

Tanglewood, TX - The SWOSU women's golf team participated in the Lady Lion Invitational the past two days at Tanglewood Resort. The women shot team rounds of 370-375 to finish in 11th place. Central Arkansas won the event with rounds of 339-327.

Lyndsay Roberts shot 90-87 to finish tied for 33rd, Rebecca Musser shot 91-92 to finish tied for 44th, Sara Bond shot 89-96 to finish in 49th place, Mika Magill shot 101-100 to finish tied for 62nd, and Katie Stephens shot 100-102 to finish in 64th place.

The women travel to Oklahoma City March 31st to play in the OCU Invitational.

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Justin Twyman tees off.

Pom tryouts being held

By WENDY GRUNAU
STAFF REPORTER

Tryouts for the 2003-2004 pom squad will be held in the Rankin Williams field house on April 5, 2003, at 11 a.m.

All candidates must attend a mandatory clinic on Friday, April 4, at 7 p.m., also in the field house.

The candidates will learn a short dance and a chant. During tryouts, an interview will be conducted.

Pam Nichols, pom squad sponsor, said that Shelby Higdon, 2002-2003 pom squad captain, will conduct the interviews and several other people will be present during the interviews as well.

Among the requirements for tryouts are eight counts of kick facing each side and the front, double turn, one axle turn, one switch leap, one toe touch, and splits on

both legs. The candidates should wear appropriate dance clothes, including dance shoes. No clothing should represent if they were on a prior squad.

Nichols and several other ladies will judge the tryouts. Nichols said that several positions are available for the new squad. She also stated that the candidates will find out if they were selected for the pom squad that afternoon, after tryouts are concluded.

Members of the 2003-2004 pom squad will perform for the football and the basketball seasons, as well as other school spirit functions.

More information on tryouts is available on the Southwestern athletics web page or by contacting Nichols at 774-3068.

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two outs in the top of the first inning before it started raining to call off the game.

The bulldogs have been battling mother nature over the week with rain and some cold weather so when they weren't playing they were practicing.

To finish out the week they hosted York again and Southern Nazarene on the 21st. The bulldogs won the first game 11-3 and lost the second game 2-1. McClure started the first game going 6 innings and allowing 4 hits and 2 runs.

The Bulldogs had the bats going scoring 11 runs on 13

hits that game but in the second game it got turned around.

Monty Mayfield started the second game and 4 innings while Josh Williams pitched an inning and Johnny Dillard pitched the last two innings of the game.

The Bulldogs had 1 one on 3 hits in the game.

They were up one going into the 7th but SNU managed to score a run to tie the game and went into extra innings. But it was not enough while SNU got a run in the 8th and the Bulldogs couldn't manage to score again and losing 2-1.

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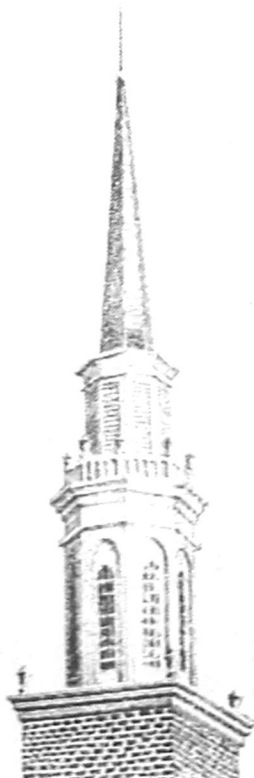
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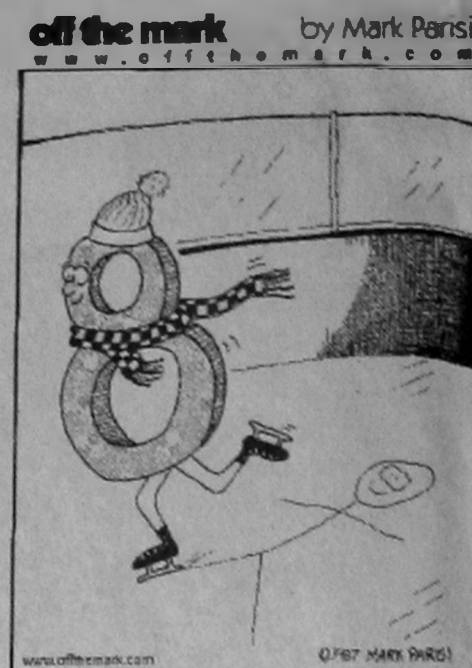
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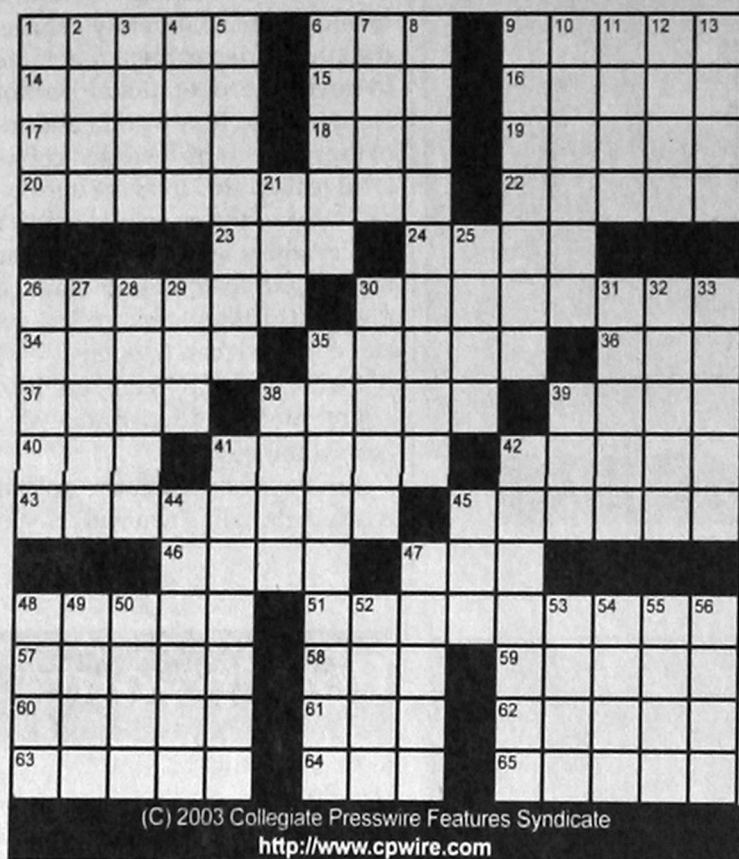
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20. Disturb
22. Pleats
23. Over, poetically
24. Fly high
26. Hippie phrase
30. R. Kelly hit
34. Love in Paris
35. Proclamation
36. Due
37. Skier's lift
38. Mark
39. Sequence of 8 bits
40. Cyst
41. Hillock
42. "Sold" homophone
43. Amories
45. Burns
46. Kid's toy piece
47. "Gotcha!"
48. Chocolate
51. Models have these
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62. Shut
63. Finished
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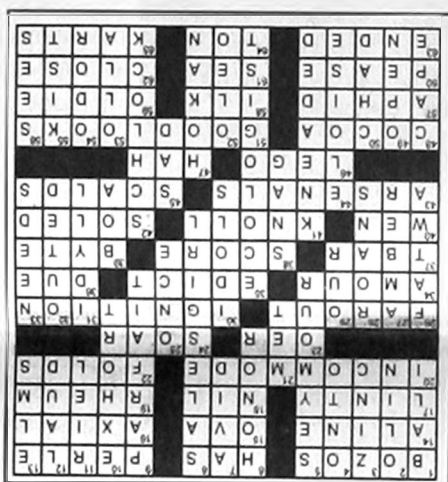
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9. Layered dessert
10. Appeal urgently
11. Cambodian unit of money
12. Glorify

13. Some trees
21. Already acquainted
25. One time only
26. Islamic scholar's legal opinion
27. Resin
28. Speckled horses
29. Yours and mine
30. Icons
31. Romantic interlude
32. Revealed
33. Necessities
35. Type of biologist
38. Sawyer
39. Flapper accessory
41. Massaged
42. Something that shoddy
44. Fictitious inhabitant at The Plaza
45. Not happy
47. Grouping of Native American language families
48. Cod or Horn predecessor
49. Not shut
50. Shallow African lake
52. Butter substitute
53. Earthenware pot
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Horoscopes

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April 2, 2003

Aries- Research takes on a new dimension when you are the data. A broad initiative plays well with someone that sits waiting to be impressed. Exercise your body, your mind and your rights.

Taurus- You don't know whom to trust. Consolidate in a hurry before you feel the pain of overextending. Obsessively checking on the safety of your valuables could bring them to the wrong person's attention.

Gemini- Expansion and rearrangement are no big deal. Learn the song or dance that you were always putting off for another day. You get so wrapped up in performing that the sound of applause may come as a surprise.

Cancer- Partners begin to wonder about each other. People who want the same thing face a wide range of differences on other subjects. The real test lies in how you handle yourself once you stray from common ground.

Leo- People can think highly of one another and still disagree bitterly. More friction won't help an issue that's already charged. Take this potential for disaster and turn it into something wonderful instead.

Virgo- The same old thing doesn't work so well. You've been meaning to switch over for ages and this is the time. As long as you're getting new equipment, why not clean out the files and redecorate while you're at it?

Libra- The Stars remove all of Libra's usual inhibitions. The words that you speak are true and unplanned. In hindsight, today's casual suggestion will look a lot like a formal invitation.

Scorpio- Both politics and retail are ugly business these days. Speech writers and designers can make or break you — pay them well for their services. Try to see this as a joke.

Sagittarius- The party may be ending, but you're still meeting and greeting. You have an impressive grasp on a wide array of regional customs. Right now, it's a fine day in the global village.

Capricorn- Changes won't happen on Capricorn's watch. You enforce the status quo with absolute mastery. Next week you'll need to be more flexible, but as for right now — don't give an inch.

Aquarius- Deep connections don't have to be visible from the outside. Many would be amazed to learn the range of your mind and the power of your soul. Wade into an aimless crowd and charge it up with a sense of purpose.

Pisces- Realism counts for a lot. Dwelling on the memories or possibilities of there and then will affect your abilities here and now. Patience is your strongest virtue. Focus is your most valuable tool.

Zen Box

quote of the week

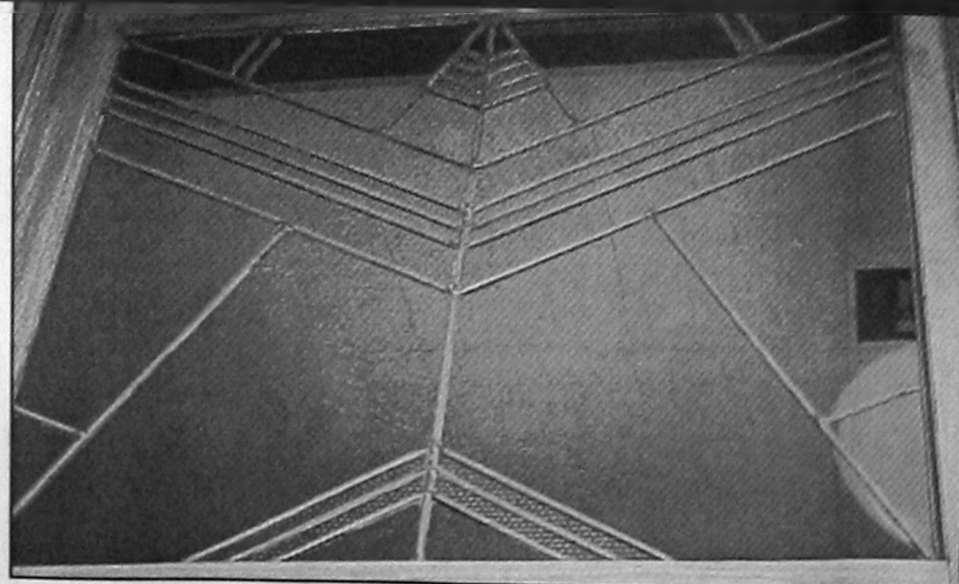
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~ Bertolt Brecht, western koan

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